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THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WINDHAM,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending March 1st, 1868.

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REPORT.

MONEY RECEIVED AND HIRED by the Selectmen to pay Notes and Interest. Dr.

Cash on hand	$48 49	
Orders, J. G. Bradford	207 16	
Harriet Dinsmoor	22 20	
Thomas Ellenwood	134 75	
John Hills	36 00	
Thomas Nesmith	304 50	
Wm. C. Harris	16 95	
Benjamin O. Simpson	6 00	
Samuel Campbell	302 50	
Samuel Campbell	956 00	
Hiram S. Reynolds	200 71	
Mrs. Eliza Hills	64 68	
		2,299 94
Received, R. R. Tax dividend for 1867	322 15	
Savings Bank " "	99 59	
U. S. A. Bounties received of State of N. H., being a part of the bounties paid by the Town to soldiers which the State refused to pay on account of desertions, deaths, etc.	445 00	
F. A. Marden	100 00	
School Fund, No. 6	22 00	
Dr. B. F. Simpson	800 00	
		1,788 74
		$4,088 68

MONEY PAID BY THE SELECTMEN. Cr.

Paid Samuel Campbell's note	$225 00
" " interest	77 50
" " for Crowell heirs 3 notes	850 00
" " interest	106 00
J. G. Bradford's note	200 00
" " interest	7 16
on William Taylor's note	800 00
Dr. B. F. Simpson's note	800 00
" " " interest	34 90
Harriet Dinsmoore's interest	22 20
Thomas Ellenwood, interest on four notes	134 75

John Hills, interest	36 00	
Thomas Nesmith, interest	304 50	
Wm. C. Harris, agent of fund interest	16 95	
Benj. O. Simpson, " " "	6 00	
Eliza Hills, interest	64 68	
N. A. Randlett, interest	72 00	
Helen F. Knight, do	24 00	
Eunice Harris, interest	10 50	
		3,792 14
Leaving in Selectmen's hands		$296 54
Paid witnesses on Kelley's case	$40 11	
Wm. H. Fisk, printing town reports and invoice book	36 00	
N. H. Asylum, for Stevens A Nichols	31 64	
Dr. Wm. J. Campbell, med. att. at almsh'se	15 00	
N. H. General Statutes	5 00	
		127 75
Cash remaining in Selectmen's hands		$168 79

MONEY PAID INTO TOWN TREASURY. Cr.

To cash in treasury	$1,132 24	
cash received of County	297 21	
balance of taxes from J. W. Dinsmoore, '63	25 75	
cash received as literary money	28 95	
cash rec'd of Rei Hills, coll., 1865	637 67	
" " M. B. Kimball, coll., 1866	1,600 00	
" " J. W. Dinsmoore, coll., 1867	1,830 00	
		$5,551 82

PAID FOR EDUCATION. Cr.

School District No. 1	$110 53	
2	131 23	
3	95 19	
4	56 96	
5	74 54	
6	87 08	
7	37 44	
R. J. Hopkins' place, 1866	3 26	
		$596 23
Due School District No. 7, literary money, 1866.	$2 56	

PAID FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES. Cr.

J. B. Barker, repairing bridge on "Bridle Road," so called	$12 25
Moses Whitaker, repairing bridge on turnpike	16 58

Albert E. Simpson, for making road near Corbet's pond, & award of damages laying out same..	172 15	
M. B. Kimball, rep's on bridge nr. meeting house.	35 21	
Benj. O Simpson, blasting rocks in road nr. John Henry's house	5 45	
O. A. Simpson, for 1,405 ft. plank furnished for bridges in 1867	35 12	
Wm. D. White, repairing highway	15 13	
		$291 89

PAID FOR SNOW PATHS.

John A. M. Johnson	$20 00
Benj. O Simpson	4 33
R. P. Morrison	2 00
Michael Goodwin	3 66
David Anderson	4 67
I. W. Haseltine	7 00
H. S. Reynolds	6 67
Samuel Bailey	14 84
J. D. Emerson	5 50
J. B. Barker	4 00
Daniel C. Davidson	6 50
	$79 17

PAID NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

Wm D White & Co	$37 97
M B Kimball, collector for 1866	5 68
" " "	4 89
J W Dinsmoore, collector for 1867	18 73
	$67 27
	$146 44

ABATEMENT OF TAXES. Cr.

Paid Rei Hills, collector for 1864	$5 88
" " " 1865	50 30
John S Brown, collector for 1865	2 89
D C & T A Rowell, " 1866	4 16
M B Kimball, collector for 1866, it being L Marden's & M & L R R tax	198 78
J W Dinsmoore, collector for 1867	35 09
	$297 10

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Rei Hills, bal. services selectman for 1866	$10 50
Hiram S Reynolds, services selectman, 1866	7 00
F A Marden, " " 1866	7 25
Hiram S Reynolds, " " 1867	70 75

Hiram S Reynolds, use of horse and wagon	8 00
Benj O Simpson, services selectman, 1867	65 00
Benj O Simpson, use horse & wagon, 18 75; expense out of town, 6 40	25 15
George Copp, services selectman, 1867	56 50
George Copp, horse and wagon, 1867	8 99
Wm C Harris, services as treasurer, 1867	12 00
R P Morrison, services as town clerk, 1867	20 00
J W Dinsmoore, collector, printing tax bills and sending State and County tax for 1867	95 66
	$386 80

MISCELLANEOUS.

		Cr.
Paid Wm Warledge, use of public watering trough	1866.	$2 00
A E Simpson, " " "	1867.	2 00
Wm A Dinsmoore, " " "	1867.	2 00
Rei Hills, " " "	1867.	3 00
M B Kimball expenses to Concord getting bounty money paid by the State		2 60
J W Dinsmoore, discount on taxes p'd before Dec. 1 1867		49 31
Oliver Ellsworth, school books furnish'd teachers' desks in town		27 72
Hiram S Reynolds book, stationery, postage &c		19 22
Selectmen on the Kelley case, for bringing jury up & paying witnesses		115 82
George Copp, for books		2 20
		$225 87

ALMSHOUSE.

	Cr.
Paid Lyman J Slate, supplies for almshouse	$50 00
do. do. do. do.	75 15
Francis Bartley, do. do.	66 80
Geo. H. Green, medical attendance at almshouse	7 50
John G. Bradford, one year's services at Almshouse, ending March 28, 1867,	200 00
	$399 45

SUPPLIES furnished County Poor not at Almshouse.

Paid O A Simpson, 13 mos' house rent for Mrs. Whitney	$13 00
Francis Bartley, supplies for Mrs Whitney	5 48
R P Morrison, wood furnished Mrs. Whitney	4 50
George H Green, medical attendance on do	12 00
do. do. do do Sanderson family	8 00
	$42 98

The above payments amounting to $2,386 76.

Paid 11 orders drawn by Selectmen to pay notes and interest	$2,251 45	
Whole amount paid		$4,638 21
Taken from receipts, leaving in treasury		$913 61
Amount of taxes assessed for 1867		$7,492 15
State tax	$1,750 00	
County tax	633 68	
School house tax in No, 5	52 23	
		2,435 91
Belonging to the treasury		$5,056 24

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Date of Notes.		
1863.		
Feb. 24,	Sally Caldwell	$100 00
	Sally Carr	100 00
1864.		
Feb. 26,	Sally Carr	100 00
	John Hills	82 00
29,	Hannah J. Davidson	44 00
Aug. 22	Sarai Armstrong	400 00
26,	Hannah J. Davidson	50 00
Sep. 17,	Thomas Elenwood	300 00
	Zelpha Elenwood	200 00
22,	Silas Armstrong	800 00
Oct. 20,	Sally Carr	80 00
21,	Sally Caldwell	50 00
22,	John Hills	100 00
28,	Jerusha Kelley	300 00
31,	William C. Harris, agent	155 00
Nov. 21,	N. A. Randlett	1,000 00
23,	N. A. Randlett	200 00
29.	F. D. Anderson	200 00
Dec, 3,	Thomas Nesmith	5,000 00
29,	F. D. Anderson	100 00
1865.		
Jan. 1,	William C. Harris, agent	114 40
July 3,	John Hills	50 00
14,	Thomas A. Rowell	1,000 00
	Jacob Rowell	1,000 00
Nov. 22,	Hellen F. Knight	400 00
23,	Zelpha Elenwood	200 00
Dec. 19,	William Taylor	400 00
1866.		
March 1.	Eliza Hills	1,078 00
	Clarissa Hills	703 00
May, 30,	Dr. D. O. Smith	300 00
Aug. 29,	John Hills	450 00

Sep. 7, Eunice Harris	175 00
Nov. 1, Harriet Dinsmoor	270 00
Dec. 3, Benjamin O. Simpson, agent	100 00
1867.	
Feb, 23, Harriet Dinsmore	100 00
May 25, William C. Harris, agent	22 00
July 1, David Crowell	1,115 62
5, Francis A. Marden	100 00
1868.	
Jan. 25, Thomas Ellenwood	100 00
Amount	$17,039 02
Interest on the above	1,379 31

RECAPITULATION.

	Dr.
Amount received by selectmen to pay notes and interest,	$4,088 68
	Cr.
Amount paid	3,919 89
In hands of selectmen	168 79

AMOUNT PAID INTO THE TREASURY.

	Dr.
By State and county, collectors, &c	$5,551 82

PAID.

		Cr.
For education	$596 23	
Roads and Bridges	291 89	
Snow paths	79 17	
Non-resident highway receipts	67 27	
Abatements of taxes	297 10	
Town officers	386 80	
Miscellaneous	225 87	
Almshouse	399 45	
Supplies furnished county poor not at almshouse	42 98	
Notes and interest by orders	2,251 45	
		$4.638 21
Leaving in treasury		$913 61

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Made at the Almshouse, Feb. 24. 1868, by the Selectmen.

8 tons English hay at $20 per ton	$160 00
¾ ton clover hay, at $16 per ton	12 00
1½ tons meadow hay, at $8 per ton	12 00
Lot of corn fodder and straw	5 00
1 horse at $50, 1 pair oxen $215	265 00
4 cows at $150, 9 sheep at $28	178 00
2 shoats $30, 18 hens $9	39 00

1 hay-cutter $6, 12½ bush. oats $11.25	17 25
9 bush corn $13, 3½ bush. meal $5.35	18 35
¾ bbl. flour	10 50
3 shovels, hoes, 2 manure forks	5 50
1 hay-rack, horse-rake and haying tools.	20 00
1 harness and sleigh-bells	8 00
1 ox-yoke, muzzles and horse-fetters	3 00
4 plows, harrow and cultivator	12 00
4 draft chains, 2 ring chains, iron bar, whiffletree, chain	5 00
1 ox-cart and sled	20 00
1-horse wagon, sleigh	15 00
1 farm-wagon	25 00
6 axes, beetle and 4 wedges	5 00
2 wood-saws, carpenters' tools	13 75
1 steel trap, wheelbarrow irons	1 50
2 stoves and furniture	7 00
1 set sled-runners	1 50
Lot sawed lumber	15 00
375 lbs, pork $60, 100 lbs. beef $13	73 00
19 lbs. tallow and candles $3, 60 lbs. butter $27	30 00
1½ bbls. apples	3 00
7 lbs. sausages 1.17, 54 lbs. lard	10 17
45 bush potatoes 45.00, 4 stone pots 2.00	47 00
Lot of fresh meat 4.00, 7 meat and cider bbls 4.50	8 50
Soap and bbl. 2 00, vinegar & bbl. 4.00, molasses keg .50.	6 50
2½ bbls cider 20.00. 6 gall. boiled cider 8.00	28 00
4 bush beets and turnips	2 00
35 lbs wool 14.00, 13-16 lbs woolen yarn 2.50	16 50
4 yds cotton cloth 6.00, 2½ yds satinet 1.55	7 55
Tea, coffee, sugar, salt, 2 37; spices, ginger, &c., 1.10	3 47
Silver spoons and spectacles	3 50
Baskets and measures .60, cranberry rake 1.00	1 60
Beds and bedding	80 00
Other household furniture	32 00
1 bread-pan. 25 milk-pans, 2 pails, cream-pot	7 00
Lantern and matches 1.50, 1 clothes-wringer 9.00	10 50
1 flour-sifter. 90, 4 bush beans 18.00, 25 lbs dried apple 4 50	23 40
Wash tub and churn	1 50
	$1,269 54

HIRAM S. REYNOLDS, }
BENJ. O. SIMPSON, } Selectmen of Windham.
GEORGE COPP, }

ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET. DR.

Personal property at Almshouse, Feb. 27, 1867.	$1,185 27	
To amount drawn from treasury	191 95	
One year's salary of Superintendent	200 00	
Bills paid by Superintendent	547 53	
		$2,124 75

Out-standing bills	51 14	
Cash in Superintendent's hands	33 29	84 43
		$2,209 18

	Cr.	
By sundries sold by Superintendent	$259 61	
Received for labor done off the farm	113 50	
Received for support of county poor	297 21	
Personal property at almshouse, Feb. 24, 68,	1,269 54	2,046 22
Due from county	106 36	
Out-standing bills	85 06	
Cash in Superintendent's hands	25 94	111 00
		$2,157 22
Balance against the town		$51 96

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the fiscal year ending February 29th, 1868:

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1867, as per report of last year	$1,132 24
Money received during the year as follows:	
Received of county, for support of paupers	297 21
Literary money	28 95
J. W. Dinsmore, collector for 1863, balance tax and interest	25 75
Rei Hills, collector for 1865	637 67
M. B. Kimball, collector for 1866	1,600 00
J. W. Dinsmoor, collector for 1867	1,830 00
Amounting to	$5,551 82

PAYMENTS.

The Treasurer has paid 81 orders, amt'ng to	$4,638 21	
Money in treasury, Feb. 29, 1868	913 61	
		$5,551 82

Standing of the Treasury:

Due from collector for the year 1865	$100 00	
" " " " " 1866	148 63	
" " " " " 1867	3226 24	
Money in Treasury	913 61	
		$4,388 48
Outstanding orders		25 43
Balance in favor of Treasury		$4,363 05

WILLIAM C. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Windham, Feb. 29, 1868.

The undersigned Auditors have examined the above accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

REI HILLS,
R. P. MORRISON, } Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET OF TOWN.

			Dr.
Amount of notes against town	$17,039 02		
Interest on the above	1,379 31		
Out-standing orders and estimated bills, including overseer's salary at almshouse for one year, $200, also $100 for lawyer's fees on Kelly's case	400 00		
Literary money due, No. 7	2 56		
	$18,820 89		
			Cr.
By unsettled taxes	$3,474 87		
Cash in treasury	913 61		
Cash in Selectmen's hands	168 79		
Due from county	106 36		
	$4,663 63		
Debt of town, March 1st, 1868		$14,157 26	

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. REYNOLDS, B. O. SIMPSON, GEORGE COPP, } Selectmen of Windham.

Windham, March 4, 1868.

The undersigned Auditors have examined the above accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

REI HILLS, R. P. MORRISON, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the inhabitants of the town of Windham:

Your committee, in pursuance of the duties assigned him for the past year, has endeavored to act with fidelity; and would here report:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term, taught by Miss Evelyn L. Simpson, of this town. The school at first visit appeared orderly and well started for a successful term. But of the result, your committee cannot speak, for by some neglect we were not informed of the close; therefore, had not the privilege of attending the examination.

The winter term was commenced by the teacher who had charge of the summer school, but from nearly the first there seemed to be springing up a spirit of insubordination, till at the close of the third week it approached to open rebellion. At this point the teacher concluded—and very wisely, too—to relinquish her position. Now if there is any without sin let him "cast the first stone. It has been said, "three moves are equal to a fire," and, methinks it will not take more than three removals to show the utter desolation of educational pursuits in any district. The school was soon set up under the direction of Miss Clara A. Emerson, of Methuen, Mass.., one who won the respect of all. But it could not be expected that in less than five weeks, everything should be accomplished that is desirable; indeed that would be a marvel. Suffice it to say, the teacher acted her part very well; however, on the part of the scholars, the organ of order needs to be developed to its fullest extent.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer term, taught by Miss Susan M. Smith, of Pelham, N. H. At the opening of the term the scholars were attentive and studious. The reading classes needed much care. As the term advanced the teacher seemed quite interested in her charge, and the scholars in their appropriate work—a mental sympathy, which is sure to bring good results. The closing examination showed accuracy in arithmetic; reading quite improved; geography, grammar and writing had been watchfully cared for. If,

however, the discipline had been more rigid, it would have added to the interest. Parents must remember that as the seeds are sown at the homestead, so will they crop out at school.

The winter term commenced under the instruction of Miss Mary D. Huntington, of Portsmouth, N. H. The order was good and the method of instruction very good, and we were expecting a successful termination,but upon calling one day to visit the school we found the house closed and the teacher retired from the scene of action—for reasons best known to herself. She was succeeded by Miss H. Fannie Marsh, of Hudson, N. H., who remained to the close of the term and wrought out her own record of faithfulness. To be specific, we would mention algebra as being very good. Copy books showed marked improvement. Singing very finely performed.

DISTRICT No, 3.

Summmer term, taught by Miss Ellen L. Gage, of Pelham, N. H. Good had it been for this school had the pleasant and amiable disposition of the teacher been a guarantee for cheerful obedience. But we have abundant proof that while sin lurks in the human breast disobedience must be met with the firm hand of discipline. Notwithstanding the order in this school was not what it should have been, the scholars made good proficiency in their text books and the examination passed off very pleasantly.

Winter term, taught by Miss Annette Stevens, of Derry, N. H. This school, in some respects, is very unique, and we feel obliged to speak of some things we have often mentioned before. viz: Reading and Deportment. Reading too fast and careless. In regard to deportment, many seem to have charge of all the others' affairs; and some go so far as to constantly call the teacher to account. Now if this is the better course, we plead ignorance. But we think it better to have one teacher or none at all. When Miss Stevens commenced the school, she had these difficulties to contend with; but endeavored to administer even handed justice, to bring about an orderly school; and the severest criticism we have to make, is, that she didn't "fight it out on this line." Even if the clock, or a part of the house should disappear; better have an orderly school under the canopy of the heavens than a disorderly one in a well furnished apartment. And it is a rare thing for orderly scholars to have trouble with any teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term of twelve weeks; fall term of eight weeks, and winter term of twelve weeks, making in all thirty-two weeks for the year; taught by Miss Clara Bartley, of Windham. This teacher, at the outset, had much to contend with, and many errors to

correct, which she set about at once. And we take pleasure in saying that at the close of the different terms, the classes evinced evidence of improvement especially in reading and mathematics. The exercises on the blackboard, in arithmetic, algebra and geometry, were very finely demonstrated. There was also some good singing to enliven the occasion. The district was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Bartley for the year; and by giving the board, which is no small item, they can boast of the most schooling in town.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term, taught by Miss Lizzie Marden, of Windham. It might be supposed that one so young in the art of teaching, and withal so lately ascholar in the same school, might find some difficulty in assuming the reins of government; but it soon became evident that she was fully equal to the task. The school was well conducted, and at the examination not a whisper was observed. The order was good. The different classes sustained themselves very well, and it was noticeable that the affirmative, "it does," took the place of the blunt and coarse "yes."

Winter term, taught by Miss Hills, of Windham. We feel quite confident that the district is well aware that their winter school was a brilliant success from the commencement to the close. With satisfaction we would note, not only the high standard of order in the school-room, but the proper deportment of the scholars elsewhere, proving that they were accustomed to know and appreciate their legitimate sphere. Such teachers we hope will not discard the profession.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term, taught by Miss Abbie A. King. We hardly think Miss King sufficiently counted the cost before undertaking this school; not that the school was particularly hard to manage, but the number of scholars being large, there was really more labor to be accomplished than her fragile constitution would admit of. There were some good readers, and they not only maintained their ground, but made advancement during the whole year. At the first visit the scholars were quiet and orderly, but not sufficiently studious; second visit, still want of attention; close, arithmetic classes good recitations; geography, some uncertainty; grammar, want of accuracy, copy books not shown. The teacher no doubt would have been glad to accomplish more for the school, but her health failed.

WINTER TERM.

A young lady with peculiar dignity stepped into the school room, and continued about five days, but evidently judging that

the days of such school keeping would not be "*Winked* at," she left to prepare for Thanksgiving and Dress-making, and so made room for Miss E. A. Woodbury.

She commemced under under unfavorable circumstances, the whole school assuming the chaotic form, which, at the first visit of our Committee, called forth some sharp remarks. These proved-ed beneficial, and at the close of the term the order was quite improved, though not what it should be in a well regulated school-room. The spelling was prompt; reading, especially the higher classes, takes a high stand; mathematics, minds well developed and quick of perception.

The teacher very pertinently remarks that, "of the school in No. 6, there is much to be said in commendatory terms. As a general thing the pupils are obedient and respectful, and nothing lacking in mental capacity. But, at the same time, with few exceptions they are deficient in studious and quiet habits; which render the teacher's position very tiresome and is a great obstacle in the way of advancement."

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer and winter terms united. Taught by Miss Evelyn L. Simpson. Two visits were made to this school. At the first, there was evidently a good commencement and all things appeared in good working order. At the close, teacher and scholars seemed to have been laboring together toward a desirable result. The reading would have been improved had it been slower and more distinct, although we frequently find no better. Recitations in the different classes were well performed. "A paper," added much to the exercises, which was a good production and well read. It is evident there is much interest felt in No. 7, on the subject of education.

In conclusion, we might say that although during the year much good has been accomplished for our schools, yet a retrospective view is not so cheering as would be desirable. But to the parents we must look for a correction of the evils. Select those for prudential committees who take a lively interest in the schools. Then let the prudential committee be careful in the selection of a teacher, and employ according to merit. A *good* teacher is *cheap* at any reasonable cost, but a poor one is expensive however cheap. Another evil to guard against is, bringing a stranger as a candidate for examination to your committee about 9 o'clock in the morning of the day on which your school is to commence.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. BLANCHARD, *S. S. Committee.*

Windham, N. H., March 1st, 1868.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

No. of District.	PRUDENTIAL COM.	Whole No. scholars attending school. Summer,	Whole No. scholars attending school. Winter,	Average attendance. Summer,	Average attendance. Winter,	Length of school in weeks. Summer,	Length of school in weeks. Winter,	No. of scholars not absent nor tardy. Summer,	No. of scholars not absent nor tardy. Winter,	Wages of teachers including board. Summer,	Wages of teachers including board. Winter,	No. of visits by citizens. Summer,	No. of visits by citizens. Winter,	Instances of tardiness. Summer,	Instances of tardiness. Winter,	Income of District Fund.	Amount of money.
1	Henry Wilber,	36	39	34	34	6	8	14	11	25	30	10	10	35	61		110 59
2	E. B. Smith,	25		22		13		2		24		48		73		60	131 23
3	Horace Berry,	25	35	23	28	9	9	4	2	24	28	14	15	42	99		95 19
4	H. S. Reynolds,	27	29	24	26	12	12	4	3	22	28	52	52	9	23	60	56 96
5	B. E. Blanchard,	13	17	11¼	15½	8	7		7	18	28	20	13	4	8		74 54
6	John Rowe,	30	38	25	34	10	8		1	29	29	16	38	92	72	60	87 08
7	Geo. E. Seavey,	19		13½		10		1		20		14		2			37 44

Income from literary fund applied to schools, - - $28 95

Amount of direct tax, - - - - - - - - 560 00

Whole amount of school money, - - - . - $588 95

Balance of last year's literary money used in Dist. No. 5, 4 02

$592 97